

Principal's Report Friday, March 21

It was so good on Thursday to hear the sound of rain falling across our school and district, after this long and extremely dry summer. The drought in our corner of Victoria is making life difficult in lots of different ways, and I'm hoping for April rains as we move closer to the end of term one.

I spend a lot of time walking around our school and grounds, checking on maintenance issues and improvement works, and making sure that our facilities are safe and well-presented. I have really enjoyed seeing the painting refurbishment happening across the exterior of our school, and the freshening effect that a few coats of paint can have on weathered surfaces. Our **Planned Maintenance Program** is in its last weeks now, with contractors due to complete their scope of works by the end of the school holidays.

What a fantastic day was had at **our Primary House athletics carnival** on Wednesday, with wonderful weather, lots of families in attendance, and our oval looking green and neat. Prep to Year 6 students enjoyed their athletics events, with the end of day tug-of-war being a highlight, as well as the parent's victory in the Staff vs Parents tunnel ball competition. Our teachers will be doing plenty of practice leading up to the 2026 event! A big thanks to Ms Whitehead, Mrs Davey, Mr Kingston and many other staff for their work in setting up and managing the sports – and also to Steve for his commitment to keeping our oval watered over the last few months







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Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a salad to share!

A reminder that our annual Open Night will be happening on Tuesday March 25, 7pm-9pm, starting from the College Library. Open Night is always a great chance for Year 5 and 6 students to think about life in Year 7 at our school, to meet some of our secondary teachers, and to try out some fun cooking, PE, design and science activities. Students and families from surrounding primary schools will also be attending, so this is also a good opportunity to meet other potential members of our 2025 Year 7 group. Open Night is always busy and enjoyable, and I'm looking forward to seeing lots of families - new and existing - at this event. Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter for more information about this event. Don't forget also that will be holding a Welcome Back to School BBQ at 5pm prior to our Open Night, and that families new and existing are very welcome to attend!

The **Secondary School Immunisation Program** is up and running for 2025, and during the course of the year students in years 7 and 10 will receive free vaccinations to better protect them from preventable diseases. I note this year that the following vaccinations will be administered at school:

- HPV vaccine in Year 7
- diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine in Year 7
- meningococcal A, B, C, W, Y vaccine in Year 10

The paper consent card system that families are familiar with from past years has been replaced

in 2025 with a digital app called the Vivato Parent Portal; the portal can used to create a medical profile for individual students, and to provide vaccination consent for specific vaccines to be administered. The QR code required to initially register online can be found by scrolling down to the last page of the Parent Information 2025 pdf, which was placed on the Compass Newsfeed last week for all families to access. Please contact the school if you are having any difficulty downloading the app or giving vaccination consent, and please note that Year 7 and 10 vaccination day will be on Wednesday April 30, in the second week of



Term 2. Moyne Shire Council will once again coordinate and administer the vaccination program throughout the year.

https://moyne.book.vitavo.com.au/school/HawkesdaleP12College-0lqX8d

A reminder that our end of term Parent-Teacher-Student Conversation Day will be happening on Thursday, April 3, from 11am to 7pm. Interviews will be held at school, and will follow on from interim reports being sent home next week. Interviews are a valuable chance to start a conversation about how students are working and behaving in their class subjects, and to discuss ways that students can improve their learning. While this is a School Council designated pupil free day, students are of course very welcome to be part of this conversation. Bookings for our Parent-Teacher-Student Conversation Day are open on Compass, and I would encourage families to start making bookings if they have not already done so. Please contact our Office if you are having trouble making a booking.

Have a great weekend everyone ...

Mr Ralph

Principal

Parent -Teacher-Student Interviews

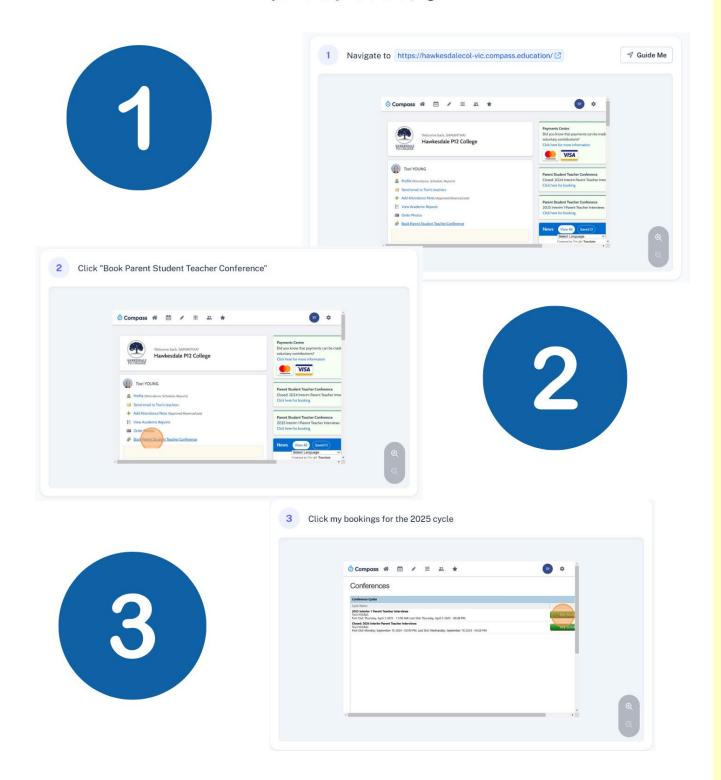
Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held at school on Thursday, 3rd April between llam and 7pm in order to have conversations about student achievement, effort and behaviour as noted on Semester I interim reports, which will be available on Compass prior to the interview day.

These interviews are a vital part of the learning partnership between parents, students, and teachers; they provide feedback about how students are progressing in their learning at this early stage of the 2025 school year and are a great chance to discuss ways in which this learning can be improved upon or extended as the year continues.

We certainly encourage as many families as possible to take part in these interviews, and for students to add their voices to the conversation also.



How to book Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews







Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations - Semester 1 Interim Reports Student Free Day Thursday, 03 April 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held at school on Thursday, 03 April 2025 in order to have conversations about student achievement, effort and behaviour as noted on Semester 1 interim reports, which will be available on Compass prior to the conversation day. These meetings are a vital part of the learning partnership between parents, students, and teachers; they provide feedback about how students are progressing in their learning at this early stage of the school year and are a great chance to discuss ways in which this learning can be improved upon or extended as the year continues. We certainly encourage as many families as possible to take part in these conversations, and for students to add their voices to the conversation also.

Interviews will run from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm. Students are absolutely encouraged to attend with their families so that they can play an active part in the conversation about their learning progress, quality of work completed, and strategies for future learning improvement.

Conversations will be held either face to face or by telephone. If you are not present at the allotted time for your session, then the teacher will contact you by telephone. Please ensure that you are available to take the call and, as the teacher may be ringing you from a private mobile, be aware that it will present as an unknown number.

All parent-teacher interview bookings will be managed within Compass by logging on to the Parent Portal and following the prompts via your child/children's photo/icon to make interview bookings. Please let office staff know if you have misplaced your Compass log in details, or if you have any questions about the interview booking system, and we will quickly help out with getting you online and successfully booked for interviews.

Teaching staff will also be able to request specific interviews using the Compass system, which will appear onscreen when you follow your child/children's photo/icon to make interview bookings. Bookings for interviews using Compass have opened today, and bookings can be made up to 9am on Thursday, 03 April. Please note that Ms Vaughan, Mr Jarrad, Mr Hoeksema and Mrs Russell will not be available for interviews on this day. As per usual, interviews will last for 12 minutes, and with a 3 minute crossover time to travel to the next interview.

It is vital that interviews run to time so that the system operates smoothly; if more time is required, staff and parents should arrange another time to have a more in-depth discussion, either in person, over the telephone or via email.

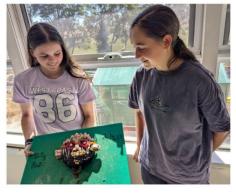
If you would like to speak to a member of teaching staff but are unable to do so on the day of interviews, you are very welcome to make an appointment for a future time via the school as required. If there are any issues or queries regarding the upcoming parent-teacher interviews, please contact the office on 55607225.

Yours sincerely,

John Ralph Principal

March 19th What makes someone beautiful?

Year 8,9,10 girls













Next Girls on the Go session: May 7th



What a great day!

Year 8,9,10 boys

the man cave







Quotes from the boys:

It was inspiring - Samuel
It made me see my peers differently - Cooper
It was a fun day - Tyler

Xav & Rhys have good vibes. It is always good!

They created a safe place to allow us to share. Thier personal stories made us feel comfortable to share

-Joel, Ben & Will

The message of the day was: Talk to people about your feelings even if it feels weird doing it!

Next Man Cave session: May 7th

Remember

Listen

Emphasis

Ask

Do

March 19th



Mindfulness
Design
Create
Team work
Identity



Tertiary Information Session @ Deakin



On Wednesday morning, VCE students attended a Tertiary Information Session at Deakin University to hear about all of the exciting opportunities for further study.

It was fabulous to see students checking out the course guides from universities, TAFEs and training colleges and imagining what life could look like after high school.

Thanks to careers teacher, Mr Gordon, for organising!

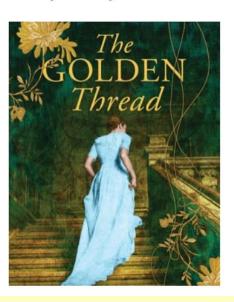




Library News



Harmony Day 21 March





Tiff and Sam were very busy setting up fabulous new displays in the library this week with books for Harmony Day and Easter out ready for borrowing!

Book Club Reminder

The Hawkesdale Community Book Club will next meet on Tuesday I April from 5-6pm in the library. We will be discussing 'The Golden Thread' by Tea Cooper.

New members and children are always welcome!

P-6 Athletics Day March 19th 2025



















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On Wednesday the 19th of March, sports day took place on the oval, where students did events such as, running, jumping and throwing. There were also team games like tunnel ball, captain ball, bob ball, and tug of war. After the kids had finished their games, the students parents got the opportunity to verse the teachers. The parents won against the teachers. There are four houses overall, Koalas which is green, Emus that are blue, Kookaburras who are pink, and Echidnas that are red.

The results were, Emus: 10 points Koalas: 15 points Kookaburras: 18 points Echidnas: 26 points

t at the end of the day, it doesn't matter who ins or who loses, or how many ribbons you , all that really matters is that we all had fun and did our best. By Phyllis and Zoe



Careers News

Hawkesdale P12 College https://hawkesdalep12careers.com.au/





VIC LLEN Portal -- assisting in work experience and structured workplace learning (SWL)

https://www.vicllens.org.au/

Here's what has happened in the last fortnight and what's to come!

Welcome to our fortnightly Careers Newsletter. My name is Jacob Gordon, the Careers and Pathways Adviser at Hawkesdale P12 College.

Career Action Plans - in Action!

Twice a year we have time to create Career Action Plans (CAP). These are carried out with every student in years 7-12. It is a long process for students and difficult to have them understand SMART goals - Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely. It is important to make these CAPs accessible for you. If you, as parent or guardian, would like to see them, please reach out and we can send them home with your child. You can always book a meeting with me on our Careers Website -

www.hawkesdalep12careers.com.au

What's Happened?

On the 19th of March, we marched our way to Deakin with some Year 11 and most of our Year 12 cohort. The Warrnambool Tertiary Information Sessions deliberate on VTAC, ATAR levels, important dates for the opening and closing of VTAC and the SEAS and Scholarship application processes. It was a great opportunity for our students to ask representatives of universities about entry, accommodation, fees and specific scholarships for individual universities. While it is important that our Year 12s attend, it is also great for our Year 11s as they get an opportunity to see what life could be like at university, explore options to begin thinking about their life beyond school. While

some students missed the opportunity, I will be accessible to talk individually with them to ensure there is not a stone unturned.

What's Next?

While all we can think about in the past weeks have been SPORT, I think it is important to note that our Career Journey never stops. Unsure of what to do? Have you heard of CAREER TARGETS? It is a page on our school careers website you can type in your interests and discover options that may interest you. Simply pick a field and explore all roles that may help you decide on the next step in your career pathway. While holidays is approaching, it is a great opportunity for our students to work, look for employment, touch up/revise/create their own resume and deliver it to work places.

More acronyms? What is SEAS?

Special Entry Access Schemes are taken on by universities and VTAC to encourage special entry to students who may have difficult circumstances, be considered to be impacted by region or affected by their living situations. It will be important when VTAC is open for 2025-2026 intake that I sit down individually with each student leaving our school to organise an effective exit plan from Hawkesdale, discuss Centrelink options and share thoughts about how to best access life-beyond-Hawkesdale.

If there is something you wish to do or know more about, please come and talk to me anytime. You can book an appointment with me through our Careers Website linked above.

Dare to Achieve! Mr Gordon **Upcoming Events**

April 3rd - PTS Interviews

April 4th - Term 1 Ends/Colour Run

April 28th - 30th Melbourne Education Camp

Girls on the Go Day

Weds 19th



Science Session p.1 & 2

As part of this special program – Yr's 8, 9 & 10 girls got to experiment with M & M's and explore their creative side.

Students were introduced to patterns that can be produced by immersing M & M's in water (the universal solvent)



and then let loose to develop their own!!

All the girls did a great job and it was a very difficult decision to pick which of their patterns should be highlighted.

Here are a few



Grace & Sophie Yr.9



Caity & Katya Yr.8



Saphy Y.r10





Indy & Keely Yr.10



Sarah & Tiori Yr.8

Mrs. Cameron (our impartial lab technician) has picked her favourite And the winner is *Indy & Keely*

Mr. Blackburn with thanks to Mr. Walker, Ms Preston and Mrs. Cameron













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Our school offers...

- ✓ Small class sizes, allowing students to experience individual attention.
- An inclusive and caring learning community in which student wellbeing is a priority and your child is known and valued as an individual.
- ✓ A full range of subject choices for VCE and VM (Vocational Major) allowing pathways into university, TAFE training, apprenticeships and employment.
- ✓ Targeted numeracy & literacy support through tutoring and Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy support programs and a wide range of wellbeing and learning support programs
- Authentic opportunities for student leadership and voice.
- ✓ An emphasis on active learning in a wide range of programs, including Physical Education and Sport, Art, Product Design Technology and Visual Communications, Food Studies, ADVANCE outdoor education, the Hawkesdale Volunteerism Program, Hands on Learning and a biannual school production.
- ✓ An extensive camps program that fosters teamwork, confidence and resilience.

Further information can be obtained by either contacting the school on 03 5560 7225, or by emailing to hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au





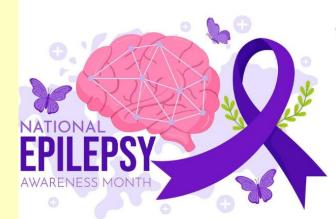
Respect

Responsibility

Resilience



Made by Student Voice



What's Epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a long-term brain condition where a person has repeated seizures.

How can we help?

We are hosting a fundraiser towards a student, Shelby in year 7. She has Epilepsy and we will give the donations towards getting a monitor to check when Shelby's seizures occur.

MARCH 26

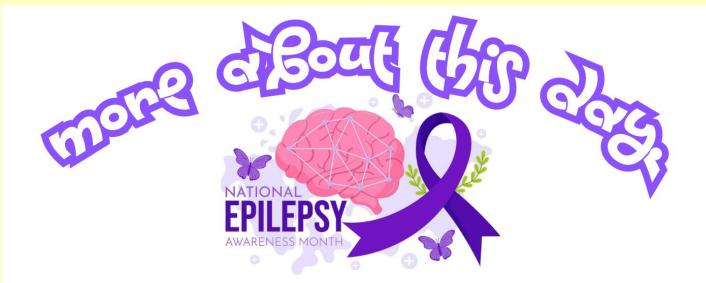
Gold coin donation to dress up in purple!



WEAR PURPLE



DONATE



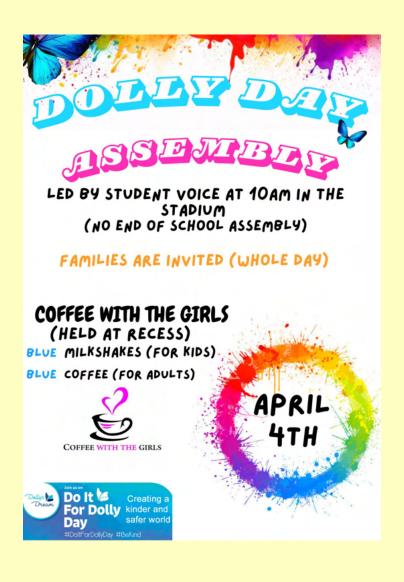
Shelby is a student at Hawkesdale P-12 College who has Epilepsy; A brain disorder that causes recurring, unprovoked seizures which can occur at any time. This fundraiser is towards raising money for a monitor that will help Shelby's family know when the seizures are happening during the night.

MARCH 26

CUPCAKES FOR 2\$

Cupcakes will be for sale in the canteen for 2 dollars and be frosted purple for the awareness of epilepsy.









CALLING ALL GIRLS!!!

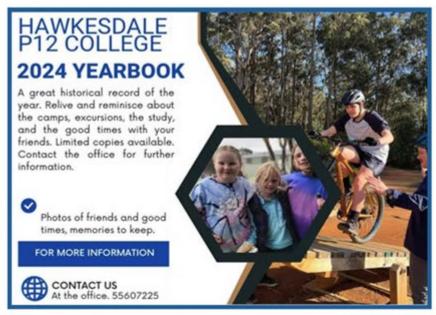
The Mininera & District Football League are looking to enter a under 15's girls team into the Western Victoria Female Football League and are looking for interested participants!

We will be holding a FREE Come and Try session for any Girls (Born in 2010,2011,2012) interested in playing in an under 15's Girls team.

When - Sunday 30th March @ 10.00am Where - DC Farren Oval Mortlake

To register your interest or for more information scan the QR Code

ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



We are now taking orders for the 2024 School Magazine.

Please fill in the form below or phone the College 55607225

The Magazine is due to arrive very early 2025

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Sunday 23rd March 2pm

Please bring a plate to share

All welcome.

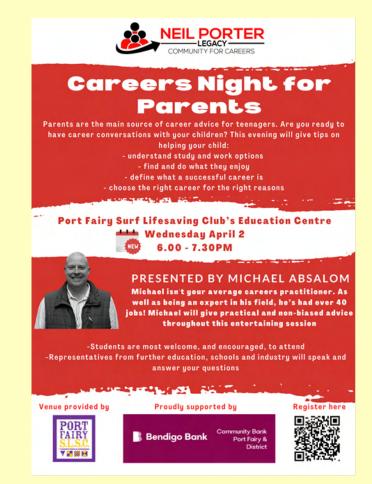
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Willatook Hall Committee

AGM 2025

to elect a new committee

APRIL 8[™] 7.30pm







14 February 2025

MEDIA RELEASE

War is Peace, Ignorance is Strength, Freedom is..... Skin of our Teeth Productions presents George Orwell's "198(4)"

Award winning Skin of our Teeth Productions is thrilled to announce its first production for 2025 - 198(4) – written by George Orwell, adapted by Dr Christine Davey and directed by Glen Barton.

This much-anticipated production will be staged for one night only on Saturday 29 March at the Lecture Hall in Port Fairy.

Skin of our Teeth Productions is in its tenth year and has built a reputation for bringing bold and thought-provoking works to the stage. 198(4) is sure to be one of their most compelling productions to date.

Tickets are available at https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1339643

Drinks

Water – 600 ml	\$2.00	
Nippy's Milk – 250 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb,	42 40	
Chocolate, Coffee	\$2.40	
Fresha Juice - 250 ml - Apple or Apple &	40 40	
Blackcurrant or Orange	\$2.40	
Nippy's Milk - 375 ml - Strawberry, Honeycomb,	02 04	
Chocolate, Coffee, Banana	\$3.50	
Fresha Juice - 500 ml - Apple & Blackcurrant or	42 EV	
Orange	\$3.30	
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Frozen

40.00		\$1.60		\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50
Orange	in Yoghurt or Icy Poles - lunchtime only	Lemonade Icy Poles (gluten free)	Zooper Dooper – Maximum of 2 – Temp must be	over 25°C	Dixie Cups (gluten free)	Frozen Yoghurt

Chips

\$1.40	\$1.40
Chips (28 gms) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	Snaps (28 gms) (gluten free)

Monday	Hot Dogs Baked Potatoes	\$3.00
Tuesday	Quiche Lorraine (with wedges & salad)	\$4.00
Wednesday	Homemade Pizza	\$3.00
Thursday	Enchiladas	\$6.00
Friday	Chicken Parma Burger	\$6.00



Fresh HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE



Canteen Menu - 2025

Recess and Lunch

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Mini Chicken Wrap -	\$2.20
Chicken Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Egg and Bacon Muffin	\$3.00
Hash Browns	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$1.80
Toastie	\$3.00
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	\$1.80
Homemade Slices / Muffins / Banana Bread	\$1.80
Homemade Biscuits	\$1.20
Truffles	\$0.60
Banana bread - (gluten free) must be pre-ordered	\$1.80
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Angel Bay Light Beef Burgers with Salad	\$6.00
85gm Canteen Approved Chicken Burger with	46.00

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